

**Jue, Tyrone**

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**From:** Cowan, Claudia [Claudia.COWAN@FOXNEWS.COM]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 12:06 PM  
**To:** Jue, Tyrone  
**Subject:** RE: Request for documents

That last line is what I needed. Thanks Tyrone!

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**From:** Jue, Tyrone [mailto:TJue@sfwater.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 3:00 PM  
**To:** Cowan, Claudia  
**Subject:** RE: Request for documents

No you aren't bugging me. At least you are doing your job in your investigation and reporting unlike others....

We don't normally go to the Central Valley. Our biosolids is usually shipped to Solano County (I could be wrong, but don't think it is part of the Central Valley)...

Though since I'm at it I might also slightly edit by throwing in that "all that treated sewage has to go somewhere... right now it is being used at garbage landfills or as fertilizer..."

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**To:** Jue, Tyrone  
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Sorry to bug you with questions—but is it safe/accurate to say...

'the compost giveaway program is on hold while the city conducts more tests... but ironically all that treated sewage is still being used as fertilizer, mostly on Central Valley farms, to grow non-food items like flax as well as cow feed."

If that's not correct, what is happening with the treated biosolids that are no longer coming back to SF as compost?

Thanks,  
Claudia

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Yes, it was waved in front of us by Anna Werner, with KPIX Channel 5 in her TV interview. She cited the dioxin was found in there, but we couldn't comment because we never got a copy of the test. Nor do I think she even did any independent research about what the recorded levels meant.

Also I know some of the local SF papers that covered it have gotten it too but were EMBARGOED from sharing the test with others!

Yeah... feeds into my irritation about how credible these groups are and whether they really have the public's interest at heart.

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Okay, great. Hey, have you seen/heard whether the OCA has shared it's testing results with any other media? I know they're not sharing with the city...

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- 1) Probably ready in another 1-1.5 months. We are doing some pretty sensitive testing.
- 2) Too early to tell. Need to have the public hearing first.

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Any idea when the new test results will be in?  
Could the program be revived this year?

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I would hate to give them that much credit, but I guess you could say that for sake of simplicity. The fact is really that in the period between our usual September giveaways, we are running the additional tests to be completely transparent. If there are any concerns about something we are doing, we always aim to provide people the information they need to make informed decisions. That's simply what we are doing here. If you we decided not to hold our September giveaway then you could legitimately say we "suspended" or put the program "on-hold". The decision of whether to proceed with a future giveaway will likely be determined after we get the tests results and can schedule a public hearing about them.

Sorry for the long answer to the short question...

Thanks,

Ty

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Hello Ty,  
Was the compost giveaway program put on hold because of all the fuss and allegations by the OCA, because of something else?

Thanks, story turning tomorrow on Fox News,  
Claudia

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